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## Media Advisory

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### **Alexandria Commission for the Arts Seeks Public Comment on a Mural to Be Hung in the Future Alexandria Soft Playroom**

*Concept Board to be on display at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center from May 12 - 26*

**WHEN:** May 12 – 26, 2009

**WHERE:** Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, 3210 King Street, Alexandria, VA

**WHO:** The Soft Playroom Group/Natural Exploreum and the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

**WHAT:** The Soft Playroom Group/Natural Exploreum is creating a temporary mural to be displayed in the future Soft Playroom at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center. The mural, which would be on loan to the City, is intended to enhance the room and provide a focal point upon entering. The mural is part of a larger project to create a children's play room at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center. The Soft Playroom is a public/private partnership with the City of Alexandria and the Soft Play Group/Natural Exploreum.

The public is invited to view the concept board and submit comments during the two week display, Tuesday May 12 through Tuesday May 26. Renderings of the mural will be on display in the lobby of Chinquapin Park Recreation Center during normal operating hours. Those interested in providing comments will be able to record their comments in a guest book near the display or email them to [aca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:aca@alexandriava.gov), subject line: Chinquapin Mural. All comments received by May 26 will be provided to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts for review.

The mural will be painted on banner cloth by Alexandria artists and will incorporate scenes from the Potomac River, Masonic Temple, Old Town, and other nature related themes. The mural will be hung and secured in such a manner to be tamper resistant to children.

For more information on the Soft Playroom, visit [www.supportthesoftplayroom.com](http://www.supportthesoftplayroom.com). For questions, call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts at 703.838-6348 or email [aca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:aca@alexandriava.gov).

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Commission and the Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, work together to promote and cultivate the arts in the City of Alexandria. For more information, visit [www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org](http://www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org) and [www.alexandriava.gov/arts](http://www.alexandriava.gov/arts).

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